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1. ALTHOUGH LAND FOR THE GORLEBEN INTEGRATED NUCLEAR
FUEL CYCLE SERVICES CENTER HAS BEEN ACQUIRED, NO CON-
STRUCTION WORK HAS BEEN STARTED THERE YET.

2. NUCLEAR INDUSTRY LEADERS INTERPRET RECENT LOWER
SAXONY'S ELECTION RESULTS AS A VOTE OF CONFIDENCE FOR
THE GOVERNMENT'S NUCLEAR PROGRAM AT GORLEBEN AND
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THEREFORE EXPECT APPROVALS FOR WORK TO START SOON.
(GREEN LIST, REPRESENTING PRINCIPLE ANTI-NUCLEAR
SUPPORTERS GOT 3.9 PERCENT OF THE VOTES. LOWER SAXONY'S
GOVERNING CDU, WHICH SUPPORTS GORLEBEN PROJECT RECEIVED
48.7 PERCENT, AND THE OPPOSITION SPD WHICH, WITH THE
EXCEPTION OF ITS LEFT WING, ALSO SUPPORTS THE PROJECT
RECEIVED 42.2 PERCENT OF THE VOTE; THE FDP, WHICH HAD

BEEN A COALITION PARTNER OF CDU IN LOWER SAXONY
RECEIVED 4.2 PERCENT.)

3. THE INITIAL STAGE WILL INVOLVE THE CONSTRUCTION OF
SPENT FUEL STORAGE FACILITIES. HOWEVER, NO TEST CORES
IN THE GORLEBEN SALT DOME HAVE BEEN DRILLED YET BECAUSE
OF FEAR OF PUBLIC REACTION. DWK BOARD DIRECTOR SALANDER
TOLD SCICOUNSELOR THAT THEY WERE WAITING UNTIL THE
WINTER TO BEGIN DRILLING TEST CORES WHEN IT WILL
BE TOO COLD FOR THE NUCLEAR OPPONENTS TO DEMONSTRATE."

4. COMMENT: MANY IN THE FRG WOULD QUESTION THAT THE
RECENT ELECTIONS WERE A VOTE OF CONFIDENCE IN THE FRG'S
NUCLEAR PROGRAM, SINCE THE EMERGENCE OF THE SIGNIFICANT
ENVIRONMENTALIST MOVEMENT WAS A MAJOR FEATURE OF THOSE
ELECTIONS. NONETHELESS, WITH THE ELECTION OVER, BOTH
THE LAND AND FEDERAL GOVERNMENTS ARE NOW POLITICALLY
ABLE TO MAKE APPROVAL DECISIONS ON GORLEBEN.
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